A Proceeding That is Attended With the Greatest Possible Difficulty.

Special Dispatch.
COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 8.—Whenever there appears in a republican newspaper any statement reflecting upon the manner in which democratic lawyers and newspapers in this state treat the law officers and witnesses of the United States government during politi-cal trials, such statements are invariably, in one quarter or another, attributed to partisan malice. It is difficult to convince a large class of republicans even of the outrageous manner in which Judge Bond, the prosecuting attorney, republican jurors and witnesses are daily assailed, in and out of the court room, while such trials are in progress. Even the agents of the associated press join Even the agents of the associated press join in the general warfare by garbling the proceedings of the court in their press dispatches. There was not one word of truth in their report of the Mitchell trial, and Messrs. Melton and Speer desire that this fact be made known.

The evidence in the case was clear and positive that Mitchell, a city detective, violently assaulted a colored republican, and refused to allow him to enter the registration precinct to register, and that when arrested

fused to allow him to enter the registration precinct to register, and that when arrested for this offense by a deputy United States marshal he resisted arrest. The democratic counsel endeavored to break this evidence down by a most ingenious cross-examination, and, failing in this, they turned their attention to the district attorney, whom they accused of packing juries under the "partisan rulings of Judge Bond," and abused in a most shameful manner ex-Attorney General of State Youman's conduct, and outraged every propriety. They ridiculed the appearance of Attorney General Browster, and spoke of the President as that "fellow Arthur." The arguments of District Attorneys Melton and Speer were, on the contrary, apoke of the President as that "fellow Arthur." The arguments of District Attorneys Melton and Speer were, on the contrary, refined and courteous, and Mr. Speer's conduct, considering the abuse heaped upon him by brothers of the same profession, and democratic editors, deserves the highest praise. No name has been too vile and no motive too impure in speaking of him since his arrival in this state. The jury in the Mitchell case failed to agree, but this is not strange. It is difficult to obtain a fair and unprejudiced jury in this state, and should such a marvel be accomplished there is still sufficient money in the corruption fund appropriated by the state legislature to tempt a Judas. Gov. Thompson's suggestion in his message to appropriate \$10,000 to pay the expenses for the defense of violators of United States laws deserves the carnest consideration of all men, otherwise usually well informed, who permit themselves to be blind to many derivalents.

United States laws deserves the carnest consideration of all men, otherwise usually well informed, who permit themselves to be blind to many glaring facts relating to one of the most important sections of this country.

The trial of State Supervisor Horsey was abandoned by the district attorney, because, after hearing the evidence of both United States supervisors, they did not deem the irregularities of sufficient importance to ask a verdict from the jury. The case of Bethen and others, of Marion, charged with conspiracy to prevent a fair election for congressman in the fifth district, is now in progress. This and other cases still to be tried will expose the nefarious methods practiced by the South Carolina democracy to retain control of the state.

trol of the state.

The fact that Kennedy Bryan, a son of United States District Judge Bryan, who occupies the bench with Judge Bond in these trials, introduced all the dilatory motions which delayed the business of the court a whole week, and that all these motions, though overruled by Judge Bond, received the emphatic approval of Judge Bryan, has elicited many unpleasant criticisms. It has all the statements are that Kannedy Bryan

Denver in the chair. The next place of at Oak hill. meeting was fixed on as St. Louis. Gen. Atbert Pike offered a resolution declaring that upon the death of a veteran his oldest son should represent him in the association. After recess a resolution was passed to call on the President in a body and invite him to the banquet. At 2 p. m. the association, marshaled by Col. H. A. Reynolds, of the Scott legion, and escorted by the representatives of the several posts of the G. A. R., under command of Col. Cameron, the Union Veteran Corps, Capt. Thomason, and First Company Union Veterans, Capt. Tappan, marched up the avenue to the executive musion, where they were received by the President. The proceedings ended at night with a grand banquet at Abner's for about 400 persons. Gen. J. E. West presided, and among the distinguished guests were Senators Logan, McMillan, Plumb, Colquitt, Saulsbury, Palmer, Maxey, and Vest, and Representatives Tucker, King, and Le Fevre, and many prominent army and navy officials and citizens. The hall was beautifully decorated, as also the tables, which were arranged according to the states, so that the participants sat in order of representation. Prof. Prosperies or the states of the service and the year After recess a resolution was passed to call sat in order of representation. Prof. Prosperi's orchestra was in service, and the vocal solos of Mrs. Rino and Mr. Foresman were applauded. Mr. Speighman, the drummer boy of Chickamauga, gratified the assembly with the "Long Roll" upon the drum. The with the "Long Roll" upon the drum. The toasts and responses were as follows: "Our Country," Gen. Crittenden: "The President of the United States," Senator Logan; "Our Dead Comrades of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps," Senator Williams; "Mexico," Senator Maxey; "The Navy," Admiral Almy; "Our Army," Gen. Van Vliet; "Congress," Senator Colquitt; "Woman," Judge McKay; "The Press," Maj. Tufts. Speeches were also made by Col. H. A. Reynolds, of the Scott legion, and Gen. Burdett. At a late hour the presiding officer announced the convention adjourned till Out. 8, 1854. Before the close of the proceedings a collection of the close of the proceedings a collection of \$28.55 was taken up for the benefit of Mr. Charles Herbert, wounded while firing a salute in the day.

In His Own Defense.

To the Editor. The Pest of yesterday, under the heading of "Marshal Strobuch's Deputies," published an article which reflects upon my deputies, and the management of my office. Not "all" of my deputies, as the Post states, were removed in Mobile for "official misconduct," but only three, and all of those were deputies appointed by my predecessor. Marshal Cabora, and their alleged "official misconduct" was on account of deeds committed several years ago while serving under Marshal Osbora. No official misconduct whatever was charged against them while serving under me. The decree of the judges, Pardee and Branch Serving under me. and Bruce, also instructs me not to appoint any of ex-Marshal Osborn's deputies under me, and names nine of them. The decree also removes three United States commissioners in Mobile. It is rather strange how such a garbied statement could have been telegraphed here as published by the Post, coming from a "district attorney from Montgomery." Very respectfully,

PAUL STRONUCH,

United States Marshal.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 9. Senator Anthony's Health,

Senator Anthony, accompanied by his nephew, Commander Bartlett, U. S. N., and Mr. James I. Christie, of the sergeaut at arms's office, arrived in this city Saturday afternoon. He was met at the depot by Senafternoon. He was not at the depot by Senator Aldrich, Sergeant-at-Arms Bright, and
Maj. Ben: Perley Poore. He was weak, but
otherwise perfectly well. He was weak, but
otherwise perfectly well. He wasked from
the car to his carraige, in which he was
driven to his old quarters, 1807 H street
northwest. The senater expects to be in attendance at the senate carly in the week.
The opinion of his friends is that he will nocent the presidency of the senate, if lea-

house, receiving a few friends and resting. He sat up all day, and stated that he felt considerably improved. He does not expect to get to the senate before Wednesday.

ON BEHALF OF O'DONNELL.

Visit of a Congressional Delegation to President Arthur on Saturday.

A committee consisting of Representatives Cox and Robinson, of New York; Morrison, Springer, and Finerty, of Illinois; La Fevre and Foran, of Ohio; Murphy, of Iowa; Maloney, of Michigan; Lamb, of Indiana; Mo-Adoo, of New Jersey; Collins, of Massachusetts; O'Neil and Burns, of Missouri: and also Mossrs. J. B. Irwin, of the Pekin (III.) Times; Fritz and Young, of Ohio, called upon the President Saturday and asked him to intercede for a commutation of sentence in the case of Patrick O'Donnell, the slayer of Carey. Mr. Cox made a strong appeal, claiming that O'Donnell was an American citizen, and reminding the President that he had on a previous occasion interfered in the case of Dr. Lamson, convicted and executed for poisoning his wife. He handed the President at the close of his speech the circular letter sent out by the Clan-na-Gael to members and senators Friday night. Springer, and Finerty, of Illinois; La Fevre

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The President received the delegation cordially, and seemed much interested in Mr.
Cox's statement. He said that the state department would telegraph Minister Lowell at
once to make all inquiries of O'Donnell's
citizenship, and that he would take whatever
action he could with propriety.

Mr. Finerty being interviewed in reference
to an editorial in his paper, claiming that the
sentence and execution of O'Donnell would
make surreme the party of violence in Ireland, said he indersed every word of it. He
spoke not as a congressian, but as a journal-

spoke not as a congressman, but as a journal-ist, and gave his reasons at length.

CRUELTY TO CATTLE.

Mr. Edwin Lee Brown, of Chicago, Tell of the Woes of Dumb Animals.

Mr. Edwin-Lee Brown, of Chicago, president of the National Humane association, delivered a lecture yesterday afternoon at the Memorial Lutheran church on "Cruelty to Memorial Lutheran church on "Cruelty to Animals in Transit." The speaker, on opening, recounted the origin of the society, the causes leading thereto, and the work that has been accomplished. The great purpose in view was in securing legislation that would compel the railroads to provide better methods of transporting cattle, and to prevent the overcrowding of cars that has been done in late years. That cruelty was used in forwarding cattle was shown by the many ways used by cattle dealers in handling their property. He speke of cattle being without proper shelter, fed on salt, and kept without water until just before the sales, and also of making canned beef from lame and diseased animals. In conthe sales, and also of making canned beef from lame and diseased animals. In concluding allusion was made to efforts of a similar society in England, encouraging children to write original essays on the beat means of protecting the dumb creatures. He claimed that the best way to secure the objects was by a proper education of the masses in the matter, through such means as are used in foreign lands.

THE LAST OF EARTH.

Funeral Services Performed in Washington on Sunday.

The late Alfred Thomson, who died of pucumonia at the Emmett house Friday night, was buried from there yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The service was
conducted by Rev. J. L. Hayghey. Mr. T. J.
Mattingly and other members of the Typographical union acted as pallbearers. Interment was made at Congressional cemetery.
Deceased was 59 years of age, and had occupied many positions of trust and honor during
his life. He was at one time a member of the
Ohio legislature, but at the time of his death
was a proof reader at the government printing
office.

The funeral services of Mr. George Graham. night, was buried from there yesterday af-

though everraled by Judge Bond, received the emphatic approval of Judge Bryan, has elicited many unpleasant criticisms. It has been openly asserted that Kennedy Bryan was put in the cases to secure his father's dissent from Judge Bond's rulings.

THE VETERANS ADJOURN.

The Last Day's Proceedings Terminated With a Banquel.

The Mexican veterans met at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning at Abner's, with Gen.
Denver in the chair. The next place of late of the bereaved family, and with the K. F. R. society, of which the decased was a member. The Apollo club rendered appropriate nænial music. The floral tokens were many and handsome. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Norman Bestor, Henry Elliott, L. Riggs, A. Parrish, Arthur Johnson, D. Addison, and A. Kerr. Intermentwas had at Oak hill.

METALLIC PAINT EXPERIMENT

the Bottom of the Speedwell. The navy yard authorities are experimenting with several different kinds of metallic paint intended for use on the bottoms of seagoing vessels. The sample which proves the most satisfactory will be used on the new steel cruisers when finished. For the purpose of testing the merits of the different samples, the steamer Speedwell has been placed on the rails, and workmen were engaged Saturday in applying the metallic paints along her bottom in sections. The Speedwell will cruise around the coast in both fresh and salt water, and after a reasonable period she will again be "railroaded," and the specimens ex-amined by a naval board.

The Foundry Chautauque Circle. The Foundry Chautauque circle will give a literary and musical entertainment at Foundry church, corner Fourteenth and G roundry church, corner Fourteenth and G streets northwest, this evening at 7:30 o'clock, the occasion being the celebration of "Milton's Day." The exercises will consist of essays, reading, and recitations from Milton's works and music. The Orpheus Glee club will render several solos and duets. Other fine music will be furnished under the leadership of Mr. Frank Wilson leadership of Mr. Frank Wilson.

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Patent Office Decisions.

The arguments before the Examiner of Interferences MacArthur, in the matter touching the Edison, Siemens, and Field system of electric magnetic railroad, was post poned from Saturday till Dec. 17 to allow time for the parties to make some motions. In the matter of Kerth vs. Shaw vs. Melo-ney, and Burger vs. Brush vs. Faure, secondary batteries, a motion to extend the time was denied. time was denied.

A Narrow Escape From Suffocation. Mrs. J. F. Holland and daughter, residing at 808 Ninth street northwest, had a narrow escape from death Friday night by the escape of coal gas from a coal stove in their bed room. Mother and daughter were found in an uncenscious state on Saturday morning at an early hour, and a physician was sum-moned, who afforded medical aid. He said they would have been dead in a few minutes

An Army Officer Dead. The remains of Lieut. Charles Smith, jr., 8th infantry, who died at Fort Halleck, Neb., of apoplexy, were brought to this city yesterday. Lieut. Smith was well and favorably known here, and by his death the army loses a valuable officer. The funeral will occur at 3 o'clock to-day from 1321 L street

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Acknowledging a Contribution. Messrs. G. W. Moss, Samuel Norment, and J. H. Baxter, the auditing committee of the late army of the Potomac rounion held in this city, having certified a balance in the The opinion of his friends is that he will note the presidency of the senate, if tendered him. He passed a quiet Sunday at his president of the Associated Charities of

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